

**Mecklenburg County**  
**Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Regular Meeting**  
**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Members Present:** Ashley Murrell, Tomika Moore, Tysha Shaw, Sonya Harper, Kendra King, Kevin Poirier, Jessica Davis, Russell Price, Leigh Altman, Jason Tryon, Denise Steele-Campbell, Janelle Fleck, David Strickland, Wanda Douglas, Dr. Keith Cradle, Heather Taraska, Lt Evans, Lt Gene Lim,

**Staff Present:** Scott Stoker, Elizabeth Swann

**Guests Present:** Shavonda McClure-Tresports, Alma Moore-DASH Connections, Angela Reid- DASH Connections, Cara Evans-Patterson-CMPD Youth Diversion, Glenn Smith-Life Connections-DASH, Becky Smith-Thompson Child & Family Focus, Tiffany Bridges- Thompson Child & Family Focus, Amber Watlington-CMPD Diversion, Travis Irving-CMPD Diversion, Darryl Sturdivant-Team Up Connections, LaShawn Barnes- Child & Family Focus, Ravon Barnes-Child & Family Services,

*Members Absent:* Commissioner Pat Cotham, Dr. Cotrane Penn, Phyllis Barnette

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. by the Chair Kevin Poirier. Quorum was established.

**Review and Approval of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Agenda:**

Kevin allowed council members to review the agenda. Heather Taraska moved to accept the agenda. Kendra King seconded. The council unanimously approved the agenda.

**Review and Approval of April 23<sup>rd</sup> Minutes**

Kevin allowed council members to review the minutes. Heather Taraska moved to accept the minutes. Denise Steele-Campbell seconded. The council approved the minutes.

**Welcome**

JCPC Chair Kevin Poirier took attendance by having the council members say present in order to keep an attendance log to meeting being virtual. Quorum was established.

**Announcements / Reminders**

The attendance requirement is now 65% of all regularly scheduled committee meetings.

The inclusion of special and assigned subcommittee meetings is no longer applicable, its 65% of all regularly scheduled meetings. There are no excused absences. Members cannot miss three consecutive regularly scheduled committee meetings. To have action in the subcommittee meetings there must be a quorum to be able to vote.

**Budget Revision. – DASH Mentoring**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic DASH Mentoring was unable to secure internships and vocational training opportunities for the youth in the GED/Vocational component. DASH was able to attain refurbished computers for the mentoring youths. DASH ended up using more funds in the supplies & materials category than the current obligations & services category.

*Kendra King-* What supplies were needed to facilitate the vocational aspect of the program ?

DASH required computers due to the vocational and the mentoring program were combined. DASH also started a lawn & gardening internship program, purchase equipment, the mentoring and vocational

youths went to churches, homes to utilize their skills. The youths are landscaping 4 churches and 5 homes. 30 referrals were received for the mentoring & vocational programs. Meals were being delivered to the homes due to COVID-19.

*Kevin Poirier*- have you explored the internships being virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic ? DASH is exploring those possibilities along with the GED programs.

#### **Budget Revision. – *CMPD Youth Diversion***

The purpose of the budget revision is to categorize the additional \$41,377 approved by JCPC Council for RTA funds. Transferring a position with salaries and benefits approximately \$20,000. Lunches were unable to use due to COVID-19, not able to travel-\$5000 gave money back for gas. Will be purchasing tablets for resume building and (2) smartboards will be used by the facilitators for training . Purchasing extra journals. The students currently utilize ZOOM at CMS schools, the laptops will be used for programming and will not be allowed to take home.

#### **Budget Revision. – *Tresports***

Tresports requested a budget line adjustment in response to COVID-19 pandemic. Tresports anticipated a decrease in driving, van repair & maintenance, training workshops and automobile insurance. There was an increase in cleaning supplies & purchasing masks to comply with CDC guidelines for summer camp, Tresports will operate a 5 weeks summer camp. Ms. Walker is providing additional summer sessions and additional planning was required due to COVID-19. As a result of the pandemic only (1) laptop will be purchased

*Kendra*- what types of programs will the summer camp consist of ?

The summer camp will still be interpersonal skill building, evidence-based curriculum, field trips and college tours. In the past Tresports have had full capacity for fields trips, but Tresports will be accepting 10 kids into the summer camps. There are currently 15 referrals for summer camp, there is a waiting list and if things change in Phase 3 it will open to more youth.

Tresports have reached out to colleges that they have visited in the past which included Livingstone College, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Winston Salem State University, Central Piedmont Community College to discuss college tours.

#### **Budget Revision. – *Thompson Short Term Residential***

Shifting funds from Food & Provisions to other areas to cover shortfall, this was the first year for Thompson Short Term Residential and they had miscalculated how the expenses were going to flow into several categories.

*Kendra*- what is the capacity at the facility as of now ? Are you getting referrals ?

*Thompson*: 5 youths are in the program; we have a potential list of admissions that could bring the facility to full capacity. There is a push to get some of the youths out of detention centers and back into community living situations. There are also kids that have successfully transition out of the facility.

Kevin advised the council members that a motion can be made to approve the budget revisions individually or all together. Heather Taraska made a motion to approve the budget revisions together and adopt the revisions. Jessica Davis seconded. The council unanimously approved to adopt the budget revisions of DASH Mentoring, CMPD Youth Diversion, Tresports, Thompson Short Term Residential.

Kevin mentioned this has been discussed in previous meetings partnering up with the new programs to guide them thru the referral process, has any facilitation been done to introduce the new programs to the court counselors to establish relationships?

Scott Stoker advised during the new program orientation; Russell Price's contact information was given out. Russell Price advise the new programs they are invited to scheduled staff meeting to introduce themselves unfortunately due to COVID-19 that has been suspended. Sonya Black, who is a field service specialist will be reaching out to the new programs to schedule virtual meetings to form relationships with the court teams.

Questions was posed from a new agency as to the how often they should meet with the court counselors? Russell advised its helpful to create a rapport with the court counselor so they can get familiar with your programs and the services offered.

#### **Committee Reports:**

<b>State</b>	BOCC have approved the FY 20-21 JCPC funds 1 <sup>st</sup> week of June ½ of the programs have been sent off for e- signatures for approval. New programs will go thru a difference signature process, towards the end of June they will be sent for e-signatures. New program orientation has been conducted for the new agencies . Mecklenburg County will be doing a session on the Fiscal Policy & Procedures beginning in July.
<b>County</b>	CJS Business Mgr, Jesus Gimenez, will be contacting the programs to host a WebEx training on July 9 <sup>th</sup> to guide the programs thru the county contract & invoicing process.
<b>Marketing Committee</b>	N/A
<b>Monitoring Committee</b>	N/A
<b>Risk &amp;Needs Committee</b>	N/A
<b>Funding Committee</b>	N/A
<b>Bi-Laws Committee</b>	N/A
<b>Nominating Committee</b>	N/A
<b>Program Support</b>	Conducting a focus grp meeting with families and their experience on CARE review & processes in the past, would like the council members to forward the information where applicable.
<b>Executive Committee</b>	Council members take the time to visit one of the programs to see the work they are doing

Kendra King made a motion to adjourn. Jason Tryon seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:21pm.

